

SECRET
SECURITY INFORMATION

PROJECT STATUS REPORT				REPORTING PERIOD August 1954	
1. CRYPTONYM		2. DIVISION OR BRANCH		3. COUNTRY	
a. Program	b. Project			Target	Base
	OBLIVIOUS	SE-1		Albania	U.S., Greece
4. DATE ORIGINALLY APPROVED					
a. Program		b. Project			
				16 July 1	
5. NAME OF CASE OFFICER		ROOM NO.	EXTENSION	SIGNATURE OF CASE OFFICER	
		1313 J	672		
6. TYPE OF PROJECT <input type="checkbox"/> FI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PP <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> SUPPORT					
7. STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OPERATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> LIQUIDATING					
8. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED		O/S	U.S.	9. FY ALLOTMENT TO DATE	
U.S. - - - - -					
FOREIGN NAT'L - - - - -		42	1		
TOTAL		42	1		

11. Summary

Mission and Plan

To maintain the National Committee for a Free Albania as an overt vehicle for the covert PP and PM activities against Albania.

Summary

1. On 12 August the formation of a new Albanian emigre committee, the National Democratic Committee for a Free Albania (NDCFA), was announced. The NDCFA is headed by Mr. Abas Ermenje, one of the leaders of the dissident "Professor" faction of the Balli Kombetar Party which withdrew from the NCFA at the time of its broadening in December 1953. The NDCFA claims to be the continuation of the Committee founded by the late Midhat Frasheri in 1949. The NDCFA also claims to be made up of a number of separate groups although, in fact, most of these "groups" are supporters of the "Professors" in various countries, including the U.S. Members of the NCFA are greatly agitated by the formation of the NDCFA and some allege that the British are behind the new committee. However, members of the British Service in London have stated that they know nothing of the persons backing the NDCFA and that they continue to support the NCFA.

2. Arrangements were made to have suitable statements broadcast over the VOA Albanian-language programs on 26 August, the fifth anniversary of the formation of the NCFA.

3. We have been advised by ex-King Zog that, although the Egyptian Government has dropped its charges against him and has ordered that his gold and bank account be released, the absence on leave of responsible officials or administrative formalities continue to delay his departure from Egypt. Zog estimates that it will be October before he will be able to leave Egypt. He plans to proceed to France for an extended, indefinite stay before proceeding to the U.S.

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